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SUBJ: PETROLEUM DRILLING IN PORTUGUESE TIMOR

REF: LISBON A-28 OF FEB. 22, 1974 (NOTAL)

1. FEB. 18 "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" CARRIED ARTICLE CLAIMING WOODSIDE BURMA OIL AND TIMOR OIL LIMITED, BOTH AUSTRALIAN COMPANIES, HAVE FOUND "INDICATIONS OF HYDROCARBONATES" IN FIRST DEEP-SEA DRILLING OFF PORTUGUESE TIMOR. INDICATIONS WERE FOUND, ACCORDING ARTICLE, INSIDE TERRITORIAL WATERS SOUTHEAST OF TIMOR, AT DEPTH OF 350 TO 800 METERS. IT SAID NEWS HAD CAUSED BIG RISE IN COMPANIES' SHARES ON PERTH AND SYDNEY STOCK EXCHANGES. REPORT DID NOT CLAIM FINDINGS WERE OF SIZE TO BE COMMERCIALY EXPLOITABLE.

2. SAME DAY'S PAPER ANNOUNCED THAT GOP HAS AUTHORIZED EXTENSION OF LONG-STANDING CONCESSION GRANTED TO COMPANHIA DE PETROLEOS  
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DE TIMOR, SARL, WHICH IS FOR LAND AREA AND ADJACENT WATERS UP

TO 200 METERS DEPTH. ANOTHER CONCESSION WAS GRANTED IN JANUARY 1974 TO AN AMERICAN COMPANY, OCEANIC EXPLORATIONS, FOR OFFSHORE RIGHTS BEYOND 200-METER ZONE IN WHOLE AREA SOUTHEAST OF TIMOR (REFAIR). THERE IS NO INDICATION OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TWO AUSTRALIAN COMPANIES IN PARA 1 AND OFFICIAL CONCESSIONARIES. WHICH OF TWO CONCESSION AREAS WHERE REPORTED FIND WAS MADE ALSO NOT CLEAR. RESPONSIBLE GOP OFFICIAL WAS UNABLE TO CLARIFY SITUATION AND CLAIMED GOP HAS NOT BEEN APPRISED OF ANY DRILLING RESULTS.

3. D.N. ARTICLE SAID THAT HIGH OFFICIALS OF TIMOR GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING GOVERNOR COL. LEMOS PIRES, PLUS REPRESENTATIVES OF POLITICAL PARTIES FRETILIN, UDTUDT, AND APODETI ACCOMPANIED COMPANY OFFICIALS ON VISIT TO DRILLING PLATFORM.

4. COMMENT: IF COMMERCIAL FINDS ARE MADE OFF TIMOR, STAKES IN INDEPENDENCE VS. INTEGRATION INTO INDOESIA GAME COULD BE RAISED CONSIDERABLY. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY LIGHT ADDRESSEES COULD SHED ON ACTUAL SITUATION.  
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